

## Message Text

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C O N F I D E N T I A L TEL AVIV 5936

FOR EILTS FROM LEWIS

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: OVIP (VANCE, CYRUS R.), PLO, IS, EG, US  
SUBJECT: JERUSALEM POST STORY ON U.S.-PLO CONTACT

REF: CAIRO 13286

1. THE JERUSALEM POST AUGUST 11 FRONTPAGED AN  
ARTICLE UNDER THE CAPTION "U.S. ENVOY IN TALKS WITH  
PLO MAN." THE FIRST THREE PARAGRAPHS OF THE STORY  
ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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2. BEGIN TEXT. U.S. AMBASSADOR TO CAIRO HERMAN EILTS  
HAS MET WITH A TOP OFFICIAL OF THE PALESTINE LIBERATION  
ORGANIZATION IN ALEXANDRIA TO DISCUSS THE POSSIBILITY  
OF THE PLO'S ACCEPTANCE OF UN SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 242.

3. A REPORT ON THE MEETING WAS RELAYED FROM THE  
EGYPTIAN CAPITAL TO SECRETARY OF STATE CYRUS VANCE.

HEADQUARTERS AT THE KING DAVID HOTEL IN JERUSALEM YESTERDAY. THE MEETING WAS SAID TO HAVE BEEN HELD IN THE CONTEXT OF AN EGYPTIAN INITIATIVE TO FIND A WAY FOR THE PLO TO ACCEPT 242, WHICH GOVERNS THE ISRAEL-ARAB PEACE EFFORTS.

4. THIS WAS THE FIRST TIME AN AMERICAN AMBASSADOR IS REPORTED TO HAVE MET A PLO REPRESENTATIVE ON A FORMAL FOOTING. THE LATTER WAS IDENTIFIED AS AHMED SIDKI DAJANI. END TEXT. (AFTERNOON PAPERS ARE CARRYING SIMILAR REPORTS.)

5. NATURALLY, NEITHER WE NOR ANYONE IN THE SECRETARY'S PARTY ASSUMED THAT THERE HAS BEEN ANY DIRECT CONTACT BETWEEN YOU OR ANY OTHER EMBASSY OFFICER AND A PLO REPRESENTATIVE. IN LIGHT OF THE EXPLOSIVE NATURE OF THIS QUESTION HERE AT THIS MOMENT, WE WANT TO DENY FLATLY THIS MORNING BOTH THAT ANY SUCH DIRECT CONTACT TOOK PLACE AND THAT A MESSAGE TO THAT EFFECT WAS RELAYED TO THE SECRETARY'S PARTY. THIS STORY WAS DISCUSSED WITH THE SECRETARY JUST AS HE WAS BOARDING THE AIRCRAFT AND HE AGREED A FLAT DENIAL SHOULD BE MADE. REQUEST YOUR IMMEDIATE COMMENT AND CONCURRENCE IN OUR ISSUING A FLAT DENIAL.  
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